

**Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee  
(AUTEC)**

23 January 2024

David Rice  
Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences

Dear David

Re Ethics Application: **23/370 A feasibility study of respiratory-gated non-invasive transcutaneous auricular (in-ear) vagus nerve stimulation (taVNS) in people with rheumatoid arthritis**

Thank you for your responses to AUTEC's conditions.

Your ethics application has been approved for three years until 23 January 2027.

**Standard Conditions of Approval**

1. The research is to be undertaken in accordance with the [Auckland University of Technology Code of Conduct for Research](#) and as approved by AUTEC.
2. All public facing documents must have the AUTEC approval number and be of a high standard of spelling and grammar. Dates on the Information Sheet(s) and Consent Form(s) must be consistent.
3. Any amendments to the project must be approved by AUTEC prior to being implemented.
4. A progress report is due annually on the anniversary of the approval date.
5. A final report is due at the expiration of the approval period, or, upon completion of project.
6. Any serious or adverse events must be reported to AUTEC, this includes unforeseen issues that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project.
7. AUTEC grants ethical approval only. You are responsible for obtaining management permission for access from any institution or organisation at which your research is being conducted and you need to meet all ethical, legal, public health, and locality obligations or requirements for the jurisdictions in which the research is being undertaken.

The application number and title need to be referenced on all correspondence related to this project.

All forms are available online <http://www.aut.ac.nz/research/researchethics>

For any enquiries, please contact [ethics@aut.ac.nz](mailto:ethics@aut.ac.nz)

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